

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2006

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Chairman Jolene "Jo" Funk.

Members Present: Dick Blanchard; Jolene "Jo" Funk; Dan Kieborz; Lillie Smith; Wayne Wagner; and Matt Wagoner.

Others Present: Mike Fraser, City staff.

Members Not Present: Chris Carazo; Paul "Bud" Deghand; Dick Duree; Sandie Johnson; and Mike McClure.

II. Special Announcement / Presentations

The newest member of the Committee, Lillie Smith, was introduced. The Committee members shared with Lillie his/her individual background and expressed his/her interest in serving on the Committee.

III. Staff Reports

A. City of Salina Composting Study Update - (Mike Fraser)

The feasibility portion of the composting report has not yet been received from Camp Dresser and McKee, Inc. (CDM). We are close to having a draft of the feasibility report. Once the draft is done, it will be reviewed by staff, presented to this Committee, and also presented to the City Commission. Mike Fraser is expecting the draft in the next couple of weeks.

There maybe a couple of directions that the study will lead us in. One direction could be a conventional composting site using leaves, grass, and brush. Another direction could be working with Biosolids from the Waste Water Treatment Plant, taking some of that sludge and mixing it with wood chips. Another direction could be working with food waste. It is possible that we will consider a combination of these choices.

If and when the City Commission makes a decision on which direction the City will go, that information will go back to the consultants to develop operational plans and site designs. CDM will also take care of the necessary paperwork with Kansas Department of Health and Environment. At this point in time, the City has not made a decision on whether or not it will enter into composting, let alone which direction the City would go.

IV. Committee Business

A. Consideration – Acceptance of Additional Tonnage at the Salina Landfill From Other Counties

In the packet for this meeting, Mike Fraser had submitted a memo titled the Expansion of the Out-of County Landfill Tonnage. The City of Salina is faced with the question of whether or not we should expand the number of counties bringing solid waste into the Salina Landfill.

The City has received a letter from Cloud County requesting a contract to dispose of their municipal solid waste from their transfer station into our City Landfill. That transfer station has solid waste from both Cloud County and Republic County. The combined total waste is projected to be 8,000 tons a year. Cloud County is requesting the contract to begin in December of 2006.

In addition, Mitchell County has expressed an interest in bringing 4,200 tons of waste per year to our Landfill.

Currently we do receive municipal solid waste from the counties of Ottawa, Lincoln, Ellsworth, and McPherson. Camp Dresser and KcKee, Inc. (CDM) has reported that the optimal operation of the Salina Landfill would be 100,000 tons a year. Our Landfill staff feels that our best operations will occur between 100,000 and 110,000 tons per year. In 2005, the Landfill disposed about 88,000 tons of waste. This does leave us between 12,000 and 22,000 tons of municipal waste that we could receive at the Landfill to help optimize the operations.

The Saline County Plan does have a primary objective to reduce the amount of solid waste going into our Landfill. However, the Plan does state the importance of optimal systems. The Landfill currently has a projected life of 81 years. This is a very long timeframe. The City believes that an additional 12,000-22,000 tons a year would not be a major problem compared to the benefit of keeping rates as low as possible for businesses and citizens.

There was a discussion about the concern of what type of solid waste might come into the Landfill from the counties that currently have a disposal agreement the City of Salina. The incoming solid waste most likely would contain items that could be either recycled or composted.

Matt Wagoner motioned and Wayne Wagner seconded a motion that the Solid Waste Management Committee is recommending to the City Commission that they accept not more than 110,000 tons per year from all sources as advised by staff, and that they develop a two-tier charge for out-of-county trash. The lower tier would be for those counties who have diversion programs for recycling and yard waste. The higher tier would be for counties that do not have both those programs in place. Motion passed. The Committee's intent is for this to go into effect in the next contract year.

B. Review of the USD 307 – Ell-Saline Grant Proposal With KDHE For Recycling Containers

The USD 307 has asked the State of Kansas for some funds to be used for recycling containers for the school. The Committee reviewed the topic to be sure that it was in alignment with the Solid Waste Plan and to see if the Committee was supportive of the request. Matt Wagoner motioned and Dick Blanchard seconded that the Solid Waste Committee support the request of USD 307 application for a grant with KDHE for recycling containers. Motion passed.

C. Consideration – Conducting a 2007 Internship Program With Solid Waste Venture Grant Funds

The Internship Programs have been very successful and helpful to the Committee. Wayne Wagner moved and Dan Kieborz seconded a motion to continue the Internship Program and fund it with the Solid Waste Venture Grant Funds for the 2007 program year. Motion passed.

D. Consideration – Offering a Round of Solid Waste Venture Grant Awards During 2007

The City Manager determines how much money is available for the Venture Grant Awards. Last year \$50,000 was allocated for the grant awards. Because of the upcoming composting project, some other funds have been reserved. Wayne Wagner moved and Matt Wagoner seconded that we continue offering the Solid Waste Venture Grants to the extent possible in 2007.

E. Solid Waste Plan Review – Consideration of Changes to the Salina County Solid Waste Management Plan That the Solid Waste Committee Would Like to Recommend to the City Commission

Each year we review the existing Plan to see if the Committee would like to make any changes. In addition, staff also reviews the Plan. At this time, staff is not recommending any changes to the existing Plan. Next year is the fifth year which will be the extensive review including the public hearing. Dick Blanchard moved and Wayne Wagner seconded that the Solid Waste Committee not recommend any changes at this time. Motion passed.

F. Review of the Solid Waste Management Committee Goals For 2006 and Establish Goals For 2007

There were some brief comments about the Mulching Mower Program that ended December 31, 2006. The Committee expressed their pleasure that the program was a large success in helping to expand the use of mulching mowers within the community, but that they were disappointed in the amount of coverage that was given by the media in the success.

As for the 2007 Committee Goals, the last time our Committee did the Five Year Review (Goal #3), was five years ago. The 2002 process was the first review of the Plan. Since we have been through that process once, staff feels that we know that what we will need to do and it should be easier.

As for the 2007 Goal #1, since we are supportive of accepting refuse from other counties which are making efforts at diversion, perhaps this goal should be reviewed. We want the Landfill to be operated as efficiently as possible. Some ideas for this goal were as follows: Increase the amount of diversion of materials going into the Landfill to optimize operations; Operate our Landfill as efficiently as possible; and to optimize solid waste operations within Saline County.

Mike Fraser will take the ideas discussed and will bring updated wording to the next meeting for review and approval.

G. Set a Date and Time For the Next Meeting in January

The next meeting will be at 4 p.m., Thursday, January 25, 2007. The meeting will be held at the BiCentennial Center.

V. Committee Member Open Forum - Comments

There weren't any comments at this meeting.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.